



"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 --
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING
GROUP 1722"

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
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SERIAL NO: 10/750,914 :
FILED: JANUARY 5, 2004 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1722
FOR: DEVICE AND PROCESS FOR :
REFINING SOLID MATERIAL :

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated March 20, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.